

## SOVIET RELEASES TWO U. S. TOURISTS

State Department Says Men  
Were Accused of Having  
Entered Banned Zone

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According to the State Department, the embassy had "expressed concern" over the fact

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14—Two American tourists, held incommunicado for seven weeks by Soviet authorities, have been released and expelled from the Soviet Union, the State Department said today.

The two are Harvey C. Bennett, 26 years old, of Bath, Maine, and Mark I. Kaminsky, 28, of Edwardsburg, Mich.

The State Department said that the Soviet Foreign Ministry had informed the United States after their return to this Embassy today of the expulsion of the two tourists at the border crossing point of Uzhgorodsky, both of whom speak Russian, entered the Soviet Union from Finland on July 27. They

Embassy officials assumed that the men had been released. They had been scheduled to leave the Soviet Union at the frontier crossing point of Chop the day after the convergence of the Czech, Hungarian and Soviet borders about Aug. 25.

On Sept. 8, the State Department received a telegram from Mr. Bennett's wife stating that her last communication from her husband was a letter from Vinnitsa, dated Aug. 19, in which he said that they had had auto trouble but planned to leave through Chop in about six days.

A series of inquiries by the United States Embassy brought replies from Intourist, the official Soviet travel agency, that the whereabouts of the men was unknown.

As a consequence, the Soviet Foreign Ministry said, Mr. Kaminsky had been accused of violating Article 2 of the Soviet law on state crimes, turned over to a court, and expelled along with Mr. Bennett from the Soviet Union.

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